I look at Fxhibit No, I. which correctly describes the rea estate of which Ada M, Wilhide, died. seized and possessed, less th two portions sold therefrom, described in Exhibit No,2, and 25 I recognise the signature of George F, Wilhide, to the Original deed, "Exhibit No,1" as being his genuine signature, and "Exhibit No, 2, and 25 represents the tracts sold therefrom, aggre gating 11 Acres, 3 roods and 27 square perches of land leaving in said tract, of Which Ada M. Wilhide died seized and possessed 150 acres roods and 30 square perches of land, more or less, Talso look at the Contract of sale, made by George E, Wilhide in his own behalf, and in behalf of his children and infant children, to Milton C, Lawyer and Wofe dated on the 10th day of September, 1919, for the consideration of Ten Thousand Five Hundred (\$10,500,00) dollars, One Thousand of which (#1000,00) appears to have been paid, in cash, and the balance of the purcase money to be paid upon the ratification and the Execution of a deed, which will be satisfac tory Deed. on or before April 1st. 1920, I regard this as a good sale, of said real estate, at time, this, time, At the time the property was purchased about Eighteen Years ago it was worth or supposed to be worth Four Thousand (\$ 4000,00) dollars, which was the amount of the purchase money at that time, and i believe it would be, to hhe interest, benefit and advantage of all the parties, to this cause that the sale entered into, and represented by contract Exhibit No. 3. be ratified and confirmed, by the Court, for the reason that said real estate is tenanted. and I believe in all probability may depreciate in value, instead of improveing its value, in the hands of tenants, and for the further reason that the real estate generally in Frederick, is now selling at apreciated values, the land is now in ned of lime, and Other fertilizer, in order to put it in a high state of Cultivation,

Ten thousand, Five Hundred (-10,00,500) dollars is in the neighborhood of Seventy(\$70,) Dollars an Acre, the farm is Natuarly poor, and I am informed the proceeds have never been Eqivalent to 6% income, on the investment of that amount

To General Interrogatory Nothing further Walter L. Rice.

George E. Wilhide, one of the Plaintiffs, being of lawful age produced on the part of the Plaintiffs, having first been duly sworn, deposes and says,

My name is learge E, Wilhide, I am 55 years of age, reside in Frederick County, Maryland, I am one of the Plaintiffs, to this cause, I was Married to Ada M, Wilhide in October 1891, and she died intestate, on June 2nd, 1919, leaving surviving her myself, her husband, and my present age is 55 years, also the following named Children to wit- Luther J, D, Wilhide whose age is 20 years, George 1 Wilhide, aged 18 years, Mabel M, Wilhide, aged 16 years, and Ada M, Wilhide aged 6 years, all of whom are infants, and reside in Frederick County, Maryland, these are all, and are heirs at law, and as such are entitled as Tenants in common, to the real estate, contained in these proceedings, subject to my life estate or dower therein,

I look at Exhibit No,I, which is the Original deed, from me to my wife, and it bears my genuine signature, I look at Exhibit No,2, and $2\frac{1}{2}$ which properly describes the two tracts of land sad there from my wife, in her life time which aggregates 11 acres 3 roods, and 27 square perches of land, which deducted from the whole tract leaves 15 acres 2 roods and 30 square perches of land, of which my wife died seized and possessed.

i made the contract "Exhibit No,2" filed herewith, believing it to be, to the best interest and advantage in my infant Children, as well as myself, that the sale represented by Exhibit, No,2, be ratified and confirmed, and I believe it is a good price, for said real Estate, it having cost originally about Eighteen Years ago, Frur Thousand(\$4000,) dollars, and I improved it with a Barn "Costing about One Thousand (\$1000,\$0) Dollars, this all the im improvements to the farm Since I owned it, the Farm is now in need of Improvements, inthe nature of lime, it being naturally very ordinaria Quality, of land, and the income since it was owned by my wife, has never been equivalent to to the return on the purhase price of Ten Thousand Five Hundred (\$10,500,00) Dollars,

Cross Examination by Frank C, Norwood, Esq., Q. Who did you by the farm from, ?
Ans- Henry C, Smith,

Q- When?

Ans- I deed it to my wife, in 1901, but I Bought it From Mr Smith about a year before that,